[Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai.]

(*f*) If testing is carried on, is it done by the Inspector or by any of his subordinates?

(*g*) Has the Assistant Commissioner or Excise Commissioner tested the hydrometers in use to see whether they are in order and whether they read correctly?

(*h*) Is there any rule about the percentage of the pans to be tested each day by the Inspector?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) As a general rule, salt scraped between 28° and 30° is fit for consumption. But experience has shown that salt scraped between 30° and 32° is also fit for consumption.

(*b*) In all the factories in South Travancore, except Tamaracolam old *allom* and Rajakkamangalam, salt is scraped at 30°. In the latter two factories, salt is generally scraped between 30° and 32.°

(*c*) Salt scraped at 32° is found to be fit for consumption. No salt is scraped at above 32.°

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Assistant Excise Commissioner check-tests the brine several days in the month and the result is recorded in the scraping register. The Excise Commissioner has occasionally checked the brine during his visits to the factories.

(*f*) The testing is carried on both by the Inspector and his Petty Officers.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) There is no specific rule. But the Assistant Excise Commissioner allots the number of pans to be tested each day by the Inspector and Petty Officers at his discretion and usually 5 per cent. of the pans tested by the Petty Officers are checked by the Inspector.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to assure me that salt is not being scraped at the old factory at Tamaracolam at 32° and above?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to that is contained in part (*b*). I can give no more assurance to MR. Hoogewerf than that given to the Government by the Excise Commissioner.

Stationing of Police Officers.

89. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Do the Government consider it proper to keep police officers in the same station for more than three years?

(*b*) Are there instances of such officers being kept in the same place for more than that period?

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(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of such officers with the reasons for their retention in the same place for more than three years?

(*d*) If any such officers are kept in their native places, will the Government give their names separately?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) It is a matter of opinion.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The list* is placed on the table.

(*d*) Mr. R. Achyutan Pillai, Prosecuting Inspector, Trivandrum, is the only officer who has been kept in his native place for more than three years.

Castewar Statement of Head Clerks in the Munsiffs' Courts.

90. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a castewar statement of the Head Clerks of the various Munsiffs' Courts in the State?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Brahmins	...	16.
Nayars	...	10.
Christians	...	7.
Other Hindus	...	1.

Lighting in Trivandrum.

91. MR M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Have the Government any scheme to improve the lighting of the city with electricity?

(*b*) Are they aware that the lighting of the city is in a deplorable condition and that no steps are taken by the authorities to improve the same though there is much public complaint in the matter?

MR. R KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. A scheme prepared by the Industrial Engineer is under consideration.

(*b*) It is reported that the existing lights are maintained properly.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state how long it will take for the introduction of electric lighting in the town of Trivandrum?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are unable to say exactly when it will be possible to introduce electric lights in the town of Trivandrum.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will they be pleased to state what is the cost of gas lighting in Trivandrum now per annum?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It is. You may answer it if you can.

* *Vide* appendix —page 760.

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information now. I shall call for it if the member so desires.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that gas lighting is very costly, and that it is five times the cost of ordinary kerosene light?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any proposal to discontinue gas lighting?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the event of electric installation being introduced, there will be no necessity for continuing gas lights.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government not in receipt of the Workshop Committee's Report?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have they gone through it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they aware that almost all the kerosene light chimneys are broken? It is stated in the answer that the existing lights are maintained properly.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

Appendix.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 89.**

List of Police Officers who have served more than three years in their present station.

Name.	Station.	Reason for retention.
1. E. V. Abraham ...	Quilon	These are Prosecuting Inspectors.
2. R. Achyutan Pillai ...	Trivandrum	
3. P. Krishna Menon ...	Nagercoil	
4. V. Sivasankara Pillai ...	Trivandrum	Doing duty as Reserve Inspector.
5. M. C. Philip ...	Kotamangalam	It is reported that there has been no complaint against him.

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